MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is there. The Pandit has to do translation work and the University has laid down that translation work should be done by graduates.

Eviction of squatters on Government lands.

462. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued any order to the Revenue authorities to oust all occupants of lands now (26-8-1104) held under penal assessment and not to register those lands on any account in the names of such occupants or to sell them by auction to those occupants;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons which induced them to issue such an order;

(*c*) whether trespassers on Government lands are not allowed to get such lands registered in their names on payment of proper *taravila*; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that great hardships are caused by ousting occupants of lands held under penal assessment in cases where they have enjoyed such lands for a considerable period and have improved them and lived on them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No order of the kind has been issued by the Government.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Lands occupied *bona fide* and containing valuable improvements may be assigned to the occupants without auction on recovery of adequate *taravila*, and such assignment will be restricted to the portion covered by the improvements, together with any additional area that may be found to be necessary for its convenient holding and beneficial enjoyment. In cases where the occupation is found to be not *bona fide* or does not contain valuable improvements or both, the trespassers may have to be evicted under the Land Conservancy Regulation and the land sold in auction (Rules 18, 22 and 23 of the Puduval Rules).

(*d*) The Government are not aware that persons who have been in *bona fide* occupation of Government lands for long periods and have improved such lands and lived on them are, as a matter of fact, ousted from the lands.

Buildings for Civil Courts in Trivandrum.

463. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps taken by them in the matter of constructing a new building for the District and Munsiffs' Courts in Trivandrum; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the great inconvenience and danger caused by the dilapidated nature of the existing District Court buildings?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question of housing all the law courts in Trivandrum in a single pile of buildings to be constructed on a suitable site is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*b*) There may be some inconvenience.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know how long is it since the question began to engage the attention of Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot exactly say how long. It may be about two years.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know how long it will take to arrive at a decision?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is in the stage of correspondence. I cannot say when that will end.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand that till then the present buildings have to remain in the same rickety condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The High Court who was consulted in the matter was of opinion that no semi-permanent building was necessary. Therefore the present buildings will have to remain as they are.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether there was a proposal to shift the civil courts to Poojapura?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, there was a proposal.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know what has become of that proposal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was dropped.

District Court Buildings, Trivandrum.

464. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is a very loud and long-standing complaint of the public against the dilapidated and rickety nature of the buildings in which the District Courts in Trivandrum are housed; and

(*b*) what steps they have hitherto (28-8-1104) taken in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to his question No. 463.

Nadars and Public Service.

465. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list containing the following particulars:—

(*a*) the number of posts under Government held by Hindu Nadars in the several departments of the State;

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